IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE K.C. BHANU

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WRIT PETITION NO : 21821 of 2005

Between:

Madnoor Farmers Recreation Sangam (Reg No. 318/05)

situated at H. No. 15-25/1, Indira Nagar Colony, Madnoor vg.
Nizamabad District, rep. by its General Secretary Shivalingu Pakalwar, son of Govind, aged 32 years, Agrl., R/o H.No.15-15/16, Madnoor vg., Nizamabad District.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1. The Superintendent of Police, Nizamabad.

2. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,

Bodhan, Nizamabad District.

3. The C.I. of Police, P.S. Bichkunda, Nizamabad District

4. The S.I of Police, P.S. Madnoor, Nizamabad District

...RESPONDENTS

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ORDER:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Government

Pleader for Home appearing on behalf of the respondents.

2. This writ petition is filed seeking to declare the action of the respondents herein, in obstructing the playing of rummy with stakes/syndicate by the members of the petitioner's Sangam as arbitrary, illegal and consequently direct the respondents not to interfere with the playing of rummy with stakes/syndicate by the members of the petitioner's Sangam within the H.No.15-25/1, Indira Nagar Colony, Madnoor village and mandal, Nizamabad district.

3. The grievance of the petitioner is that the respondents are interfering with the lawful activities of the petitioner's Sangam and causing much inconvenience and embarrassment to the esteemed members of the Sangam.

4. Time and again, this Court categorically held that 13 cards game is a game of skill and the respondents shall not interfere with the playing of 13 cards game. Same is the view taken by a Division Bench of this Court in **Twin Cities Cinema Cultural Centre (Formerly Twin Cities Club) Vs. Commissioner of Police** (2002(5) ALT 805 (DB)] in Writ Appeal No.1167 of 2003, dated 29.07.2002.

5. Therefore, the respondents are directed not to interfere with the lawful activities of the petitioner Sangam, particularly with the playing of 13 cards game with or without betting. However, the respondents are at liberty to interfere with the unlawful activities, if any, going on in the petitioner Sangam and to take appropriate action in that regard.

6. With the above observation and direction, the writ petition is closed, at the stage of admission. However, there shall be no order as to costs.

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K.C.BHANU, J.

Date: 06th October 2005.

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